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Montgomery Co. Court Administrator Joins Board of National Court Organization **Pamela Q. Harris to Serve Four-Year Term**



Williamsburg, Va. (Aug. 1, 2011) — Pamela Q. Harris, court administrator for the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Md., has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), a nonprofit that aims to improve the administration of justice through leadership and service to the nation's state courts. She will serve a four-year term.

"Pamela Harris is a leader in the court-administration field, both national and internationally, and her dedication to the advancement of the administration of justice is evident both in her work in Montgomery County and her service to the court community as a whole," said Mary C. McQueen, NCSC president. "We are fortunate to welcome someone with her knowledge and expertise to the National Center's governing body."

As court administrator of the Montgomery County Circuit Court since 1989, Harris oversees the daily operations of a general jurisdiction court that serves the most populous jurisdiction in Maryland. Throughout her 22 years with the court, she has been committed to infusing evaluation-based practices into every aspect of court administration in order to ensure that the court is responsive to the public and provides fair and equal access to justice.

In addition to her work with the court, Harris is very active in a number of regional, national, and international organizations and committees. She currently is president elect of the National Association for Court Management (NACM), the largest organization of court management professionals in the world. As part of NACM's leadership, Harris works with colleagues from all levels and types of courts to ensure the fair and effective administration of justice through improving court management. She also is a founding member of the Mid-Atlantic Association for Court Management.

She currently serves as a member of the Maryland Conference of Circuit Court Judges, the Maryland Technology Oversight Board, the Maryland Integrated Statewide Case Management Committee, and the Urban Court Manager's Network. She also is on the Board of Montgomery Miracles Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to individuals involved in drug courts.

Harris is active internationally with rule-of-law initiatives and currently serves on the Board of the Russian American Rule of Law Consortium, the Board of the Maryland International Coordinating Council Inc., and as co-chair of the Maryland-Leningrad Steering Committee.

Harris is a fellow of NCSC's Institute for Court Management.

The National Center for State Courts, headquartered in Williamsburg, Va., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts. Founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, NCSC provides education, training, technology, management, and research services to the nation's state courts.

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